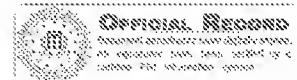


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From: JACKSONVILLE
JK-10
Contact: [Redacted]

Approved By: [Redacted]

Drafted By: [Redacted]

Case ID #: [Redacted]

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CITIZEN EXTREMISTS - DOMESTIC TERRORISM
- SOVEREIGN CITIZEN EXTREMISTS [Redacted]
[Redacted]

Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) To document attempts by Oath Keepers to recruit
two Alachua County, Florida Sheriff's Office deputies.

[Large redacted area]

Administrative Notes: (U//~~FOUO~~) The information contained herein
should not be disseminated outside of the FBI.

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Details:

(U//~~FOUO~~) On 1/6/2013, TFO [Redacted] received [Redacted]
[Redacted] prepared by Alachua County, Florida Sheriff's

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Office (ACSO) Analyst [redacted] indicates that on or about 12/9/2013, ACSO Deputy [redacted] was solicited to join Oath Keepers. The individual who solicited [redacted] is identified as [redacted] [redacted] white male DOB: [redacted]. Reportedly, when [redacted] solicited [redacted] to join Oath Keepers he told him that a Levy County Sheriff's Office Deputy as well as members of the Alachua County and Gainesville Fire Rescue departments were part of the group. [redacted] is employed as the [redacted] store located at [redacted] [redacted] in Gainesville, Florida. [redacted] also told TFO [redacted] that another deputy reported that someone put an Oath Keepers business card on the windshield of his patrol vehicle.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Attempts to identify [redacted] met with negative results. An Internet search for the [redacted] store located at [redacted] [redacted] identified the location [redacted] A search of Florida [redacted] records revealed a license issued to [redacted] [redacted] white male, DOB: [redacted], SSAN: [redacted] Florida DL number, [redacted]. The address which appears on the license is [redacted] Gainesville, Florida 32607. CP Clear records checks concerning [redacted] indicate he is [redacted] CP records also associate [redacted] with several addresses in the Gainesville/Alachua County, Florida area and in the State of Tennessee. Checks concerning [redacted] were conducted in Sentinel, ACS and [redacted] met with negative results.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Sentinel searches for information related to Oath Keepers, revealed that [redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) In March 2009, Stewart Rhodes founded the national organization known as Oath Keepers. Rhodes is allegedly a former paratrooper and Yale Law School graduate. Rhodes was listed as one of

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[Redacted] Prior to his involvement
with Oath Keepers, [Redacted]

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Oath Keepers is a non-profit organization made up of current and former law enforcement and U.S. military members (and their supporters). Group members swear an oath not to obey ten orders which they perceive to be unconstitutional. For instance, members refuse to disarm the American people, conduct warrantless searches, subjugate any state which declares its sovereignty, etc. [Redacted]

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[Redacted]
[Redacted] Rhodes has appeared on several national-level media programs to promote the group.

(U//~~FOUO~~) In 2009, the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) issued a report which compared Oath Keepers to a terrorist/militia group. SPLC and others have suggested that Oath Keepers poses a significant threat, as its members could serve as a "Fifth Column" inside the government, helping to undermine effort to combat domestic terrorism. Rhodes and other group leaders have consistently denied these allegations, stating that the organization is merely trying to encourage constitutional values amongst law enforcement and military organizations.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Despite Rhodes' attempts to distance his group from allegations of criminal activity, various individuals associated with Oath Keepers have engaged in well-publicized criminal acts which appear linked to violence and terrorism. For instance, Charles Dyer, an Oath Keeper from Oklahoma, was charged in January 2010 for possessing a stolen grenade launcher. In May 2010, Darren Huff, an Oath Keeper from Georgia was arrested in Tennessee with an assault rifle, and was enroute to execute 24 citizens arrest warrants for government officials.

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Since its inception, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The first national meeting in 2009 was held in Three Forks, Montana, and [REDACTED]

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(U/~~FOUO~~) Oath Keepers founder and National President Stewart

Rhodes [Redacted]

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